

Minutes of **Foulsham Parish Council** Meeting
held on **Wednesday 20th January 2021** at **19:30**
on **Zoom**

Present: G. Fearn (Chair) S. Stilgoe C. Ferris C. Taylor
J. Duck K. Hambrook

In attendance: Clerk

Apologies: L. Riddett G. Peck

In view of Government Covid19 advice, this meeting was held remotely using the Zoom platform. The meeting was advertised on the Parish Council website and noticeboards.

121. Declaration of Interests: None.

122. Minutes of previous meeting, held on 9th December 2020: Acceptance of the previous minutes was proposed by K Hambrook and seconded by J Duck. Approved.

123. Matters Arising

The Clerk confirmed that the 2021 grounds maintenance contract had been awarded as had the marketplace flowerbed contract. The war memorial lettering has been cleaned and the contractor is due to return within a couple of weeks to undertake the repainting of lettering, subject to good weather. The burger van bin issue is still outstanding as the van has not been operating recently.

124. Accounts

124.1 INCOME

-	None	£ 0.00
	TOTAL INCOME	£ 0.00

124.2 EXPENDITURE (MAIN ACCOUNT)

-	E.On (Street Lighting – Dec 20) – Inv H195533BF1		£ 158.97
-	M Smith Clerk's salary (10.12.2020 to 20.01.2021) (6 wks)	£ 240.00	
	Internet & phone expenses (Dec/Jan)	£ 20.00	
			£ 260.00
-	URM (Glass collection) invoice 1013787		£ 16.20
-	Royal British Legion (Remembrance Day wreath)		£ 50.00
	TOTAL EXPENDITURE		£ 485.17

It was also noted that cheque no 1416 issued to URM had been damaged in transit and a replacement would be issued (£25.20)

Approval of the accounts was proposed by C Ferris and seconded by J Duck.

125. Tree Planting – Twyford Lane

The Clerk advised that after a year of negotiations, a licence to cultivate has been issued by Norfolk County Council, enabling the Parish Council to proceed with the planting of three trees along Twyford Lane.

Action: Clerk to liaise with G Fearn re obtaining trees.

126. Fox and Hounds Lane

The Clerk outlined the options for managing funding for the “reclaim the lane” project, having taken advice from NALC. If the Parish Council were to manage the funds, it would have to adopt legal responsibility for the project and appoint a sub committee.

Alternatively, the group could form a Charitable Incorporated Organisation in which case they would be eligible to reclaim Gift Aid. A third option would be for the group to approach an existing charity, such as the New Frost Hall. The Clerk has advised the group of these options and awaits a decision.

The Clerk also reported that contact had been made by the Trail Riders Fellowship indicating their desire to have access to the lane once it has recovered.

127. Any Other Business

S Stilgoe asked if the paper recycling bin had been emptied.

Action: Clerk to check status of recycling bins.

G Fearn suggested a Christmas light competition for Christmas 2021. He proposed an entry fee and money raised would go to charity. There was ensuing discussion around an Easter event and it was agreed to give consideration to ideas prior to the next meeting.

G Fearn advised that the footpath on Twyford Lane was dangerous with potholes and mud.

Action: Clerk to request maintenance from Highways.

The Clerk confirmed that he had requested some “keep tidy” signs from NCC, but only dog fouling signs were available.

Action: Clerk to investigate alternative source of signage.

Meeting closed at 20:03

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 3rd March 2021 at 19:30